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## Three Calls for Nominations Launched North of 60°

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development hereby calls for the submission of nominations for Crown reserve lands north of 60° in three administrative areas as indicated herein. All posting requests must be described in accordance with the Guidelines for Posting Parcels North of Latitude 60° N. Each parcel posted must comprise laterally or diagonally contiguous lands. Lands currently under licence which revert to Crown reserve status during the course of these Calls for Nominations may also be nominated.

The Calls for Nominations are being mailed out and will be available from the National Energy Board in Calgary as well as from our website www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/oil/act/cal/index_e.html. The proposed terms and conditions of a subsequent call for bids are included with the mailout and on the website. All posting requests should be submitted by fax by 4 p.m. (E.T.) on the closing date indicated for each call area and should be addressed to the attention: Rights Issuance & Policy, Northern Oil and Gas Directorate. FAX: (819) 953-5828. The individual or company that requested the posting of a parcel is expected to submit a bid in response to the Call for Bids. The Minister reserves the right to refuse future posting requests by that individual or company if a bid is not submitted. The Minister is not obliged to proceed with a Call for Bids for any lands posted.

All native subsurface selections made pursuant to the land claim settlement agreements are excluded from the lands available for posting. The boundaries of parcels posted for lands that either abut or surround these subsurface selections may be described by simple exclusion.

### Central Mackenzie Valley (CMV)

The minimum size of any posting is one (1) section; the maximum size is 4 grids (320 sections). The final land descriptions for these parcels will be prepared in consultation with the representative.

Posting requests received by 4 p.m., E.T., on **January 30, 2004,** will be considered by the Minister for inclusion in a call for bids. Requests should be addressed as the "Mackenzie Valley Request for Posting".

The term of exploration licences that would be issued in a subsequent Call for Bids will be **eight** (8) years consisting of two consecutive periods of four years each.

### Beaufort Sea/Mackenzie Delta (BS/MD)

The size of parcels posted differs according to area. Minimum and maximum grid size of parcels are specified as follows.

*North of latitude 75°N.* onshore and offshore
=1- 8 grid(s)
*North of Line A including Arctic Islands and area subject to work prohibition order*

North of latitude 70° N. = 1-6 grid(s)
South of latitude 70° N. = 2 -12 grid(s)*

*Note this reflects a doubling of grid size north of 70°

*South of Line A Beaufort Sea & mainland Territories (excluding the Mackenzie Delta and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula)*
North of latitude 70° N. ½-3 grid(s)
South of latitude 70° N. ¼ -3 grid(s)
Area subject to work prohibition order
1-6 grid(s)

*Mackenzie Delta* west of longitude 133°W and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula ¼-4 grid(s).

Posting requests received by 4 p.m., E.T., on **January 30, 2004,** will be considered by the Minister for inclusion in a call for bids. Requests should be addressed as "Beaufort Sea/Mackenzie Delta Request for Posting"

The term of exploration licences that would be issued in a subsequent Call for Bids will be **nine** (9) years consisting of two consecutive periods of five and four years.

### Arctic Islands of Nunavut (AIN)

The maximum size of any posting request between latitude 75°N and latitude 78°N is eight grids. North of latitude 78°, block size should not exceed an area equivalent to eight grids at 75° N. which equals 216 080 hectares.

Posting requests received by 4 p.m., E.T., on **January 30, 2004** will be considered by the Minister for inclusion in a call for bids.

Requests should be addressed as "Arctic Islands of Nunavut Request for Posting"

The term of exploration licences that would be issued in a subsequent Call for Bids will be **nine** (9) years consisting of two consecutive periods of six and three years.

### Allowable Expenditures Standardized

The department has developed a schedule of allowable expenditures common to all three calls. The schedule has been developed to better address the uncertainties and actual costs inherent in northern operations.

### Calls for Bids

All calls for bids as a result of these calls for nominations will be launched tentatively in early February 2004.

Note: This Bulletin is for information purposes only. Terms and conditions for each call are described in the appropriate call document.

### Closing Dates Summary for Nominations

CMV is **January 30** , 2004
BS/MD is **January 30**, 2004
AIN is **January 30**, 2004
Posting requests to be received by 4 p.m. (E.T.) on the date indicated.

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